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No Debate On India: Eden Turns Down M.P.'s Plea

No Justification For Release Of Men Who "Planned To Paralyse India's Defence", Says Amery

LONDON, Feb. 25

The Leader of the Commons, Mr. Eden rejected a request by the Labour leader Mr. Greenwood for an early debate on India in the Commons today.

Mr. Eden said:— "The Government's view is that in the present state of affairs respecting Mr. Gandhi's fast a debate would serve no useful purpose, indeed, rather the reverse. But, of course, we will review the situation as it developes."

Independent Labourite Mr. Maxton asked if it would not be better to debate the situation before any tragedy happened rather than afterwards.

Mr. Eden:— "I did carefully consider the reply I have given. It is Government's considered view that no useful purpose would be served by a debate at present.

Amery Toes Line To Churchill

The Secretary for India, Mr. Amery answering questions, said that the British Government entirely agreed with the decision of the Government of India not to yield to Mr. Gandhi's efforts to enforce his unconditional release.

Mr. Amery said: "The circumstances in which the Government of India found it necessary to detain the Congress leaders are well-known. The correspondence between Mr. Gandhi and the Viceroy preceding Mr. Gandhi's fast has been published. It contains no indication that Mr. Gandhi sees cause for regret in the outbreaks of murder, violence and sabotage which followed the authorisation in August last by the Congress Party of a mass struggle.

OBJECT OF FAST

By rejecting the offer of the Government of India to release him for the period of his fast and declaring that his fast would be unnecessary if he were released, Mr. Gandhi has also made it clear that the object of the fast is simply to enforce his unconditional release.

NO JUSTIFICATION

The Government of India composed when the decision was taken of nine Indian and four European members, including the Viceroy, decided that they could not yield to this threat (cheers). His Majesty's Government are in entire agreement with their decision. India has a vital part to play in the general cause of the United Nations. She is still herself menaced by invasion. There can be no justification for the release of men who deliberately planned to paralyse India's defence at a most critical moment (cheers) and who have shown no sign of abandoning their criminal purpose nor is there any reason in this respect for discrimination between Mr Gandhi and other Congress leaders.

CONCESSIONS TO GANDHIJI

Subject to their general decision, the Government of India have wished to show Mr. Gandhi every consideration. He has at the Aga Khan's palace his own medical attendants as well as those provided by the Government and is allowed subject to their advice and to Government's permission, to receive visitors."

Protests And Interruption

There were protests and some interruption when Labourite (Mr. Sorensen) asked for an "early debate" in view of the very real concern in some parts of the Commons and the country.

Mr Amery replied that that was a question for the Leader of the House to deal with.

Replying to a suggestion that the situation might be eased if Mr. Gandhi were placed among the interned leaders of the Congress Working Committee, Mr. Amery amid cheers said: "I leave that to the judgment of the Government of India."

Labourite Shinwell requested Mr. Amery to produce evidence supporting the implication in his statement that Mr. Gandhi was responsible for the outbreak of violence.

MORE ON WAY

Mr. Amery:—"A good deal has been produced but fuller matter is "en route" from India and will be published on arrival".

There were cries of "No" when Labourite Kirkwood suggested that Mr. Gandhi's unconditional release would be a sign of strength, not weakness.

Mr. Mander (Liberal), asked if Indian leaders had appealed to Mr. Gandhi to abandon his fast in public interest.

Mr. Nicholson (Conservative), said that the Government of India was earning universal respect by recognition of its primary duty—maintenance of conditions under which the masses of Indians could lead orderly normal lives.

Mr. Amery made no reply to these further points.

MISSING LETTER

Mr. Sorensen questioned Mr. Amery regarding the letter stated to have been sent by Mr. Gandhi to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Amery replied: "The whole correspondence which passed between Mr. Gandhi and the Viceroy and the Government of India has been given to the Press. No letter was addressed to me by Mr. Gandhi.

The Government of India's statement of Congress responsibility for the disturbances will likewise be given full publicity as soon as it is received here.

Mr. Sorensen said that Mr. Gandhi had referred to such a letter and asked Mr. Amery to enquire why he never received it.

Mr. Amery:—"I have no doubt that if a letter had been addressed to me by Mr. Gandhi and sent to the Government of India, it would have reached me".—Reuter.

Deputation On Amery

LONDON, Feb. 25.

A deputation including Canon Holland and a number of Labourite Members of Parliament waited on the India Secretary Mr. Amery in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

The deputation urged the release of Mr. Gandhi, contact between Gandhi and Congress leaders

"Especially For Gandhi"

Lord Bishop Of Southwark Offers Prayers

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Prayers for all who really held responsibility at this time here and in India including the Prime Minister Mr. Churchill, the Secretary of State Mr. Amery the High Commissioner for India Sir Aziz Huque, Parliament, "FOR ALL THOSE DEVOTED TO THE SERVICE OF INDIA AND ESPECIALLY FOR MR. MOHANDAS GANDHI" were offered by the Lord Bishop of Southwark, Rev. Simpson at the well-known Church at Martin-in-Fields here to-day.

The Minister of the Church Reverend Harborough said "we are met to-day in this time of great perplexity that by prayer we may co-operate with God in the working out of his great purposes of good for the peoples of India and Britain—peoples who have been strangely joined in partnership"

Others who took part in the prayers for intercession were Reverend J. S. Whale, Reverend W. E. S. Holland and Rev. William Paton.

Rev. Paton said "let us think of the whole people of India, and seek God's blessing for the guidance of India at this time".—Reuter.

CHURCHILL MAINTAINS IMPROVEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 25.

IT IS LEARNED THAT MR. CHURCHILL HAD A GOOD NIGHT AND THE IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION IS MAINTAINED—REUTER.

FIRE IN CITY COTTON GODOWN

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A serious fire broke out to-night at 10 o'clock in a cotton godown in Angirbaug, Byculla.

Most of the city fire fighters were on the scene immediately and brought the fire under control within an hour.

The cause of the fire is not known.

STOP PRESS

AXIS EVACUATES KASSERINE PASS

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The Algiers radio says that the Axis are evacuating Kasserine Pass.—Reuter.

INDIAN DELEGATION AT U. S. EMBASSY

LONDON, Feb. 25.

A delegation of the Committee of Indian Congressmen at the U. S. Embassy in London to-day urged that everything possible should be done to secure Mr. Gandhi's unconditional release immediately. It was intimated that submissions would be forwarded to the United States Government.—Reuter.

'Gandhi Is India'

He Is Not Like Any Other Leader, Says 'M. G.'

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The Manchester Guardian in an editorial says:—

"There can be no justification" says Mr. Churchill "for discriminating between Mr. Gandhi and other Congress leaders".

Is there any other Indian leader for whom representatives of almost all sections would unite and much the greatest part of India be powerfully moved? Mr. Gandhi is not like any other leader. For more than any other, he is India to most of his fellow-countrymen and to much of the world outside. It is true that there have been and are immense difficulties in dealing with him and his followers.

Mr. Gandhi should not be allowed to die and this fast should be made the occasion for permitting independent leaders, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and others to renew contact with him and the Congress. Had that been done before we should be better off.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Ill, But Not Serious

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.

President Roosevelt is suffering from a slight illness and will have to remain quiet for a few days, a White House spokesman announced this morning. He is not receiving callers but will continue to work from his bedside. The spokesman reiterated that the illness was not serious.—Reuter.

DACCA: Dacca observed partial 'Hartal' on Thursday in sympathy with Mahatma Gandhi .The Hindu shops and bazars were generally closed.

JAPS BOMB AMERICAN AIR BASE IN ASSAM

ALLIED COMMANDOS DESTROY JAP BUILDINGS IN BURMA VILLAGE

NEW DELHI, February 25.

A strong formation of Japanese bombers escorted by fighters this morning again attacked American air base in Assam, says a 'communique' issued from Rear Echelon Headquarters United States Army Forces, China-Burma-India.

They were intercepted by fighters of the Tenth U. S. Air Force. A preliminary report states that of thirty planes in the enemy formations, six are known to have been destroyed, twelve probably destroyed and others damaged. All of our planes returned to their bases without damage.

A few bombs which fell on one of our bases did no damage whatsoever.

BRIDGE HIT

On February 23, fighters of this same force, armed with light bombs attacked a 200-foot railroad bridge ten miles west of Myitkyina. Pilots reported one span completely out and a second span sagging.

Yesterday others of our fighters armed with light bombs attacked a 150-foot steel bridge six miles north-east of Pinbaw. The pilots reported one span destroyed, as well as 200 feet of adjoining track. On the opposite end of the bridge thirty feet of track was destroyed. In these operations our planes sustained no damage.

COMMANDOS BUSY

On the night of February 22|23 one of our fighting patrols carried out a successful attack on the enemy occupied village of Myebon about 60 miles south-east of Akyab, says an India Command joint war 'communique.'

Our troops landed from vessels of the Royal Indian Navy coastal forces and remained in possession of the place for about five hours. All buildings which might have been useful to the enemy were burnt, the jetty was blown up and a 100-foot river steamer was destroyed. Opposition was very slight and was quickly overcome. We suffered no casualties.

AKYAB RAIDED

Last night R. A. F. bombers attacked objectives at Thazi railway junction in Central Burma. Bombs were seen to burst on the railway station and nearby sidings. Other aircraft bombed Akyab.

Yesterday a formation of "Blenheims" escorted by fighters bombed a Japanese occupied village near Rathedaung and other fighters on offensive patrol attacked water transport on the Kaladan River. All our aircraft returned safely.—A. P.

Allies Bomb Rabaul And Lae

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Allied Headquarters South-West Pacific:— Gen. MacArthur's 'communique' to-day says, Allied heavy bombers scored a direct hit on a 10,000-ton freighter and damaged two Japanese naval vessels at Rabaul.

Allied planes also heavily raided Lae.

Reuter's special correspondent at advanced Allied base in New Guinea wires:—

In the last few days further 54,000 tons of Japanese shipping has been destroyed or seriously damaged.

Gen. MacArthur's spokesman stated that there are now no Japanese in the Wau area of New Guinea, south-east of Housecopper District some 20 miles from Wau.—Reuter.

Chinese Demand For Offensive Against Japs

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Gen. Hsuing-Shin-Hui, head of the Chinese Military Mission now in London, wants an early United Nations' offensive against Japan.

He told a Press Conference in London to-day: "Japan is increasing in strength and will not simply sit down and meet her doom. Japan is richer in resources and man-power. The idea of attacking the Japanese at the centre is very attractive but we must remember that Japan holds a number of important and strategic positions. The first thing is to work out a United Nations' plan to attack".

No Further Progress In Gandhiji's Health

SRINIVASAN & SUBBAROYAN INTERVIEW MAHATMA: RAJAJI & BHULABHAI ARRIVE IN POONA

BOMBAY, February 25.

The Government of Bombay have issued the following communique about Mahatma Gandhi's health.

The following is the report on Mr. Gandhi's health upto this afternoon:

"Mr. Gandhi has made no further progress. There is no appreciable change in his condition.

Following the crisis on Sunday the 21st., nausea compelled him to drink sweet lime juice and water. This was continued on Monday and Tuesday and good results were manifested. Yesterday, he reduced the quantity considerably as he wishes to take the minimum quantity, enabling him to drink water".

Signed by:

Dr. B. C. ROY,
Dr. M. D. D. GILDER,
Major-General R. S. CANDY,
Lt.-Col. M. G. BHANDARI,
Dr. S. NAYAR,
Lt.-Col. B. Z. SHAH.
—A. P.

MEDICAL CIRCLES OPTIMISTIC

POONA, Feb. 25.

Mahatma Gandhi is in good spirits to-day. He had a sponge bath and massage this morning.

Although fully conscious all the time he rarely speaks except in the evenings when visitors see him.

With six more days to go a more optimistic view is taken in medical circle in Poona of Mahatma Gandhi being able to terminate his fast successfully. The fast ends at eight a.m. on Wednesday (March 3).—A.P.

"FEELING BETTER"

POONA, Feb. 25.

Mahatma Gandhi passed his sixteenth day of his fast today fairly well. He saw a number of visitors this evening.

Among those who came to see Mahatma Gandhi were Mr. K. Srinivasan, editor of the "Hindu", Madras, Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Indutry, Dr. P. Subbaroyan, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas and a number of inmates from Sewagram Ashram and relatives of Mahatma Gandhi.

It is reported that Mahatma Gandhi told some of the interviewers that he was feeling better.

Headlines from the day's newspapers and other important news of the day were read out to him today.

Those who saw him this evening found him propped up on a pillow and he was able to turn from side to side.

Despite the sixteen days' fasting and his extreme state of weakness he showed keen interest in the conversation and during evening prayers today, he asked for some of his favourite hymns to be sung.—A. P.

IN INTEREST OF INDIA'S DEFENCE

Mahatma Must Be Released Immediately

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.

"The united voice of India has demanded the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatmaji. But that voice has failed to make an effective impression on the minds of the Powers that rule over the destinies of this land", observed Dr. Shyamaprosad Mukherjee presiding at a public meeting held today at the Shraddhanand Park to consider the situation arising out of Mahatma Gandhi's fast.

Dr. Mukherjee added that the demand for Gandhiji's release was not based on humanitarian considerations alone. In the interest of the country and its defence, it was imperative that the deadlock must end.

The speaker pointed out that it was for creating a peaceful atmosphere in India and for averting bitterness that they had demanded Gandhiji's release.

Dr. Mukherjee urged the people not to feel deterred by a sense of hopelessness or frustration but to stand united.

A resolution demanding Mahatma Gandhi's immediate and unconditional release and fervently praying and hoping that inspite of the strain already put on his health he might be able to come out of the present ordeal successfully was passed at the meeting.—A. P.

Unanimous Demand For Gandhiji's Release

The following have sent telegrams to the Viceroy demanding unconditional release of Mahatmaji:—

C. P. and Berar T. V. Congress; Nationalist Christian Council, Nagpur; Thana Municipal General Board; Shri Atmanand Jain Sabha, Ambala; Non-Gazetted Staff of Income-tax Department, Madras; Workmen of Empress Mills, Nagpur; Wardha Bar Association; Staff and Students of Andhra University, Guntur; Bayagadi Municipality; Bombay Footwear Salesmen Union; Poornima Mandal, Bombay; Public of Mehidpur; Hoshangabad Bar Association.

BOMBAY: Bidi Workers; Musical Instruments Merchants' Association; Lime and Sand Merchants' Association.

The following have offered prayers for successful ending of Mahatmaji's fast:—Freedom Group of Parsis, Bombay; Gujerati Sahitya Mandal, Matunga; Ratlam citizens; Saraswat Mahila Samaj, Gamdevi.

Srinivasan And Subbaroyan See Gandhiji

POONA, Feb. 25.

With the arrival of Messrs. C. Rajagopalachari, Bhulabhai Desai and K. M. Munshi this evening, Poona has become the bee-hive of political pourparlour. Discussions about the present situation created by Gandhiji's fast and Mr. Winston Churchill's reply to a cable sent by the Leaders' Conference Committee urging the immediate release of Mahatma Gandhi and the progress of the fast itself were held in the evening immediately after the arrival of the leaders. Mr. K. Srinivasan editor of the "Hindu" and Dr. P. Subbaroyan, a former Minister of Madras, participated in the discussions.

Earlier Mr. K. Srinivasan and Dr. P. Subbaroyan drove to the Aga Khan's palace from the station and interviewed Gandhiji and were with him for about half an hour.

It is understood Messrs. Rajagopalachari, Bhulabhai Desai and K. M. Munshi are meeting Mahatma Gandhi to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Rajagopalachari is staying here till the end of the fast.

Mr. Munshi and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai are likely to return to Bombay after meeting Gandhiji.—United Press.

RAJAJI TO SEE GANDHIJI TO-DAY

POONA, Feb. 25.

Mr. K. Srinivasan, who arrived in Poona to-day to interview Mahatma Gandhi left for Madras to-night.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mr. K. M. Munshi are seeing Mahatma Gandhi to-morrow.

HOMI MODY FOR BOMBAY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

Sir Homi and Lady Mody left for Bombay by Frontier Mail this morning.—A. P.

MORE TAXES TO MEET BIG DEFICIT

Incomes, Posts & Tobacco To Figure In India's New Finance Bill

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

Additional taxation to the extent of Rs. 12 to 15 crores to meet unprecedented deficit in the coming year's budget estimates is anticipated according to Lobby talks.

The current year's deficit is expected to exceed 70 crores.

It is believed that the Excess Profits Tax will not be increased further, but a slight increase both in Income-tax and Supertax is considered very probable.

The present Finance Member is not likely to disturb the Salt Tax as it affects the poorer classes but an increase in Postal, Telegraph and Telephone rates may be included, as the Posts and Telegraphs Department has now become the revenue-producing department.

It is also said that an Excise Duty on tobacco may be imposed, which will bring about Rs. 6 crores.

The Finance Member will have largely to rely on borrowings for meeting deficit both in the current year and the coming year.

Grigg On Allied Advance Into Burma

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Introducing token Army Estimates—the total expenditure remaining secret—Sir James Grigg said in the Commons to-day that great strides had been made in offensive training.

He said that the British Eighth Army was the finest instrument of war ever fashioned in the British Empire.

In the Far East General Alexander's masterly withdrawal, delaying the Japanese until the rains came, might well prove the crucial point in deciding the fate of Japanese hegemony. Another sign of the turning of the tide was the preparatory advance into Burma covering 70 miles from the starting point to within sight of Akyab. The darkness of night is over and we can see dawn approaching.—Reuter.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

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SECONDLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuage tenements or two dwelling houses or chawls standing thereon situate, lying and being at Danda (Santa Cruz) in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, Taluka Salsette, District Bombay Suburban, containing by admeasurement 1210 (one thousand two hundred and ten) square yards or thereabouts and registered for Land Revenue under Old Survey No. 298, New Survey No. 191, Falni No. 5, Town Planning Scheme No. 2, Plot No. 2 and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Nathuram Shivram on or towards the West by the Bungalow and Chawl of the Vendor hereinabove firstly described, on or towards the North by the property of Khot of Vile Parle and on or towards the South by the property of H. Gazdar and which premises are now in the occupation of the Vendor's tenants. There is no entry numbers for the land.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1943.

AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai SHIRINBAI, daughter of Chandabhoy Miyakhan of Bombay Bohra Muslim Inhabitant has contracted to sell to my clients her immovable property, situate at 2nd Bhoiwada Street in the City of Bombay, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 2415 of Bhuleshwar Division, area 308 square yards of perpetual leasehold tenure together with the buildings thereon bearing C Ward Nos. 5324 to 5326, Street Nos. 55 to 59.

Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift trust, inheritance, possession, lien, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever, is or are requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his Office at Alli Chambers, 4th Floor, Room No. 54, Fort, Bombay, or at his residence at "Vaidya Cottage", Park Road, Vile Parle, Bombay No. 24, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1943.

K. K. VAIDYA,
Attorney for Purchasers

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share-Certificate No. B-14037 for five shares Nos. 215181-215185 in the Reserve Bank of India, issued in the name of Mr. Kamlani Shewakram Santdas has been LOST, STOLEN or MISLAID. Due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and all persons are warned against dealing with the Share Certificate in any way.

KAMLANI SHEWAKRAM SANTDAS.

Hyderabad, Sind.
23rd Feb. 1943.

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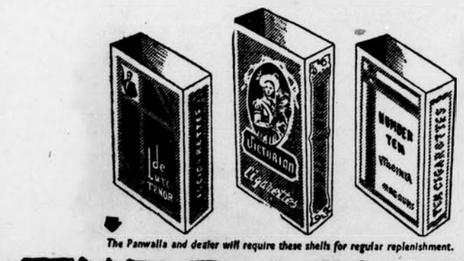

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ASSURANCE TO BENGAL PRESS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24.

At a press conference in the Secretariat at which the Premier and other Ministers were present, the journalists' demand for the relaxation of rules in respect of certain news, was discussed, and the Ministers assured the journalists present that he would consider the matter.—Orient Press.

FOR HINDU WIDOWS IN SIND

KARACHI: A Bill extending the provisions of the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act of 1937 to agricultural lands in its application to Sind was passed into law by the Sind Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

The House adopted a condolence resolution touching upon the death of late Sir Abdullah Haroon and adjourned for fifteen minutes.—A. P.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir State have passed orders approving the vocabulary for the common medium of instruction in elementary schools, namely "Simple Urdu."

TOOK PHILLIPS' WORDS AT THEIR FACE VALUE

Hull Denies Having Said Full Significance Was Lost On Him

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.

The State Department said on Wednesday that Mr. Cordell Hull's comment on Mr William Phillips' statement on the situation in India had not been correctly reported.

Mr Hull is reported as having said at the White House conference on Monday that he did not know the exact significance of Mr Phillips' statement that "Phases of the situation in India requiring discussion are being handled by High Government officials of the United States and Great Britain"

What Mr Hull actually said was that he did not know exactly what the statement signified more than what appeared on the face of it.

A deputation of Indian workers in Great Britain are meeting M.P's to-day to request them to secure the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi and make negotiations for a National Government in India.

The deputation will represent workers from all parts of Britain including seamen, pedlars, factory hands, dock workers, civil defence workers and restaurant hands

Sir Homi Mody's Reply To "Mischievous Suggestion"

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24.

With reference to a London report published in some Bombay papers that Sir H. P. Mody's resignation from the Governor-General's Executive Council was due to pressure from the Congress party members in the Indian Legislative Assembly, Sir H. P. Mody says:—

"This is an utterly untrue and mischievous suggestion. Not a single person approached me to influence my course of action, and those who know me should have no hesitation in laughing to scorn the idea that, after a long public career, during which I have done many unpopular things, and after steadfastly facing the extremely dangerous and unpleasant situation which developed in the country after the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders, I should allow myself to be coerced into resigning my office. It only shows how little public opinion in England knows about what is happening in this country. Apparently people in England do not even know that most members of the Congress party are in jail and it is physically impossible for them to exert pressure on me."

The report referred to above is as follows: "The force of pressure which his (Mr. Gandhi's) sitting 'dharna' exerted upon the two Hindus (Mr. Aney and Mr. Sarker) is understood and their resignations therefore have not caused great surprise. That Sir H. P. Mody followed in their wake I have heard ascribed to the pressure which the Congress party members in the Indian Legislative Assembly can exert on one in various ways."—A.P.

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ANOTHER CHINESE MISSION IN INDIA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.

The Chinese Educational and Cultural Mission to India sent by the Chinese Ministry of Education arrived here last night. It is composed of four members and one secretary with Dr Yu-Hsiu Ku Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Education as the chief of the mission. Other members are:

Dr. Tsiun-Chen Wu, Director of the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Tsung-Lien-Shen Counsellor of the Supreme National Defence Council; Prof. Wen-Tso-Wu, Director of the Yenching Yunan Corporation in Sociological Research will act as Secretary to the Mission. The group will go to New Delhi.

The mission will begin touring the country on March 2. The programme extending over more than 45 days includes visits to the Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta Universities, Santiniketan etc. The group will travel from New Delhi to various parts of India, touching Aligarh Agra Bombay and Jalgaon, where they expect to visit the famous Ajanta and Ellora caves. Then they will proceed to Hyderabad, Bangalore and Madras.

MESSAGE TO VICEROY

The members of the Mission are conveying a message from Dr. Chen-Li-Fu, Chinese Minister of Education, for H. E. the Viceroy. They are also carrying a painting by Madame Chen, wife of the Education Minister, on Chinese paper, which bears two messages on either side on the top, one from Dr. Tai-Chi-Tao, President of the Examination Yuan, and the other from Dr. Li-Fu.—A. P.

NEW BOMBAY JUDGE

NEW DELHI: The Governor-General has been pleased to appoint Mr. Nariosang Hormasdyar Cooverjee Coyajee, Barrister-at-Law, to be an Additional Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay for a period of one year with effect from the 1st March 1943.

ACTING FEDERAL COURT JUDGE

NEW DELHI: "Communique": H. E. the Governor-General has been graciously pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. Justice Torick Ameer Ali, at present a Puisne Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal to be an acting judge of the Federal Court of India, in the absence of Sir Mohammad Zafrulla Khan.—A. P.

USE OF UNREGISTERED SALE-DEED

Important Decision On Novel Point

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sen).

Tribhovan Hargovan ... Appellant (Original Plaintiff).
Versus
Shanker Desai ..... Respondent (Original Defendant).

This was a second appeal from the decision of the First-Class Sub-Judge of Jambusar dismissing the suit with costs, confirmed on first appeal by the District Judge of Broach and Panchmahals.

The appellant had filed this suit for an injunction restraining the respondent from locking the northern door of the appellant's house and for possession of the open space or "gabhan" and the chowk to the north of that house. The appellant claimed the house with the "gabhan" and the chowk under a registered sale-deed of 4th May 1938. The respondent on the other hand contended that the "gabhan" and the chowk had been sold to him for Rs. 75 on 24th May 1936, by a sale-deed which had not been registered, that he had been in possession since then and had kept the northern door of the appellant's house locked from outside.

JUDGMENT

His Lordship referred to the third para of Section 54 of the Transfer of Property Act which states, "In the case of tangible immovable property, of a value less than one hundred rupees, such transfer may be made either by a registered instrument or by delivery of the property", and to Sections 17 and 49 of the Indian Registration Act, and stated that the combined effect of these Sections clearly was that the respondent's sale deed which ought to have been registered as required by Section 54 of the Transfer of Property Act but was not registered could not affect the property in suit or be received as evidence of the sale or of the contract of sale though a document embodying a contract of sale was not compulsorily registrable.

His Lordship then enunciated the question for the Court's decision as—whether or not the defendant was entitled to show that in this case he purchased the property "by delivery" within the terms of Section 54. His Lordship then outlined Mr. Shah's arguments on behalf of the appellant—first that it was not the respondent's case that the sale was "by delivery" because he relied on the unregistered sale-deed as the basis of his title; secondly that even if that be taken to be his case the very fact that it had been reduced into writing precluded the respondent from relying on delivery as the mode of sale; and lastly that mere delivery did not amount to sale because transfer of the property as well as price had also to be proved and of which no evidence (other than the unregistered sale-deed itself) could be given by reason of Section 91 of the Indian Evidence Act.

His Lordship accepted the first argument of Mr. Shah but stated that by reason of that, the respondent was not precluded from basing his case on delivery for Section 54 did not say "mere delivery of the property" and observations to that effect in the Madras case of Kuppuswami vs. Chinnaswami (A.I.R. 1928 Mad. 546) were "obiter". With regard to the last argument of Mr. Shah His Lordship observed that it was difficult to see for what collateral purpose other than "delivery" could the unregistered sale-deed be used under the newly added Proviso to Section 49 of the Registration Act as the lower appellate Court had done. His Lordship referred to the decision in Skinner vs. Skinner (56 I.A. 363 at 370) and stated that it did not appear to be the intention of the Legislature in enacting the new proviso to Section 49 to enable documents which were compulsorily registrable and were not registered to be used in any legal proceedings to bring about indirectly the effect which they would have if registered. His Lordship therefore held that on the two findings—delivery to respondent in 1936 and possession since then, respondent's ownership could not be necessarily interred. Nor could the respondent relying on the doctrine of part-performance in Section 53A because that depended on a written contract of sale of which the unregistered sale-deed could not be used as evidence.

His Lordship, therefore, allowed the appeal and decreed the appellant's suit with costs throughout.

Mr. S. M. Shah and Mr. T. T. Thanawalla with Mr. V. T. Gambhirwalla appeared for the Appellant.

Mr. P. G. Thakore appeared for the Respondent.

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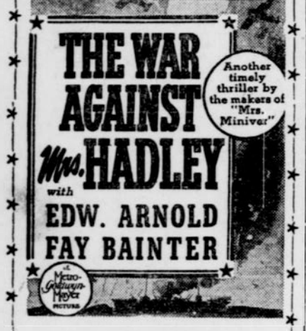

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METRO—"The War Against Mrs. Hadley" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
CAPITOL—"Men of Texas" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
HIND-MATA "Mamaji" 4 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR "Vasant Sena 4 7 and 10
CITY LIGHT—"Khilauna" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
SWASTIK—"Lalaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER "Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
STRAND "Law of the Tropics" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Secret Mission" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Bambi" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
EROS "Springtime in the Rockies" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
KRISHNA "Prarthana" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
NEW WEST END "Zamindar" 3 6-30 and 10 p.m
CENTRAL "Ten O'Clock" 4 7 and 10 p.m
BROADWAY—"Musafir 4-30, 7-15 and 10
ROXY—"Kismet" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
PALACE—"Sergeant York" 4, 6-30 and 10
AURORA "Louisiana Purchase" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m
APOLLO "Station Master" 4-30, 7 and 10
CHITRA—"Khan Daan" 3 6-15 and 9-30
OPERA HOUSE—"Surdas" 5, 7-30 and 10
MINERVA—"Sharda" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m
NOVELTY—"Yad" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m
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PARADISE—"Kit Carson" 4-30 6-45 and 10

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

EXHIBITION-SALE: Of Household articles, brand new cloth, toilet requisites under the auspices of Parsi Bekari Fund (Parsi Employment Bureau) at C. J. Hall, from to-day to 2nd March 1943, (9 a.m. to 7-30 p.m.).

THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY: Lecture by Dr A H. Kazi, on 'God and his attributes' at 5-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) at Shahru Castle, Mohammedali Road, Bombay

SERVANTS OF HUMANITY CENTRE: Simplified first-aid lecture on "Technique of arresting and treatment of haemorrhage" to-day at 5-30 p.m. by Mr. Burjor J. Shroff at the Tardeo Zarthosti Mandal Stores Office, near Tata Colony, Tardeo.

PARTY TO M. N ROY: B. P. Committee of the Indian Federation of Labour's "Tea Party", to-day at 6-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) at Servants of India Society's Hall, Sandhurst Road, Girgaum, Bombay, to Mr. M. N. Roy, the General Secretary of the I. F. of L.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Astral Body and Spiritualistic Seances" from the "Ocean of Theosophy" by W. Q. Judge. Jehangir Wadia Bldg opp. Flora Fountain, to-day at 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY: Meeting of members and their friends in the Lecture Room of B.E.S.T. Co. Electric House, Bombay, at 6-30 p.m. when Mr. Salim Ali will give a talk on "Nesting time on a Rajputana Jheel" illustrated with lantern slides.

A.-I. RADICAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY: Central Secretariat meeting in Bombay on 26th and the 27th of February.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 12 will meet near the Junction of Bellasis Road and Duncan Road (Old Parsee Statue) to-morrow at 6-51 a.m. (8-30 a.m. S.T.) to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS: Lady Lumley presided at the annual general meeting of the National Indian Association, at "The Cliff" Ridge Road on Thursday.

"FOR PRESERVATION OF MAHATMAJI'S LIFE: The South Indian Community will perform the following Vedic and religious rites to-day: 5-30 to 7 a.m. Maha Ganapathi Homam; 7-10 to 1 p.m. Maha Mrithyunjaya Homam; 7 p.m. to 7-45 p.m. Archana; 8 p.m. to 8-10 p.m. Mass Prayer and 8-15 p.m. to 10-15 Maya Durga Puja.

BIJAPUR FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE, BOMBAY: Mr R. C. Kakade, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Bijapur Famine Relief Committee, Bombay, writes:—Apart from the bales of yarn and cloth given by several textile mills and additional 250 bags of bajri donated by Mr. R. D. Birla, the cash contributions actually received by the Committee upto 23rd February amount to over Rs. 63,999. The names of the donors contributing Rs. 100 and more since the publication of the last list are given below: Messrs. Wadia Gandhy and Co. Rs. 100; Anonymous Rs. 500; Messrs N. Powell and Co., Ltd. Rs. 100; Mrs. Ramabai (From the Birla Family) Rs. 300; The Alembic Chemical Works Rs. 100; Mr. Deviprasad Khandalawalla Rs. 100; Mrs. P. A. D. Gandhy Rs. 123; The Indian Textile Journal Rs. 100; Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Rs. 1,000; Mr J. N. Cama Rs. 101; Mrs M. M Cama Rs. 100; Mr. A. K. Wadia Rs. 100; The Motor Merchants' Association Rs. 571.

THE BOMBAY NURSING MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS' COUNCIL: The Council has issued the following result of the Nursing Examination, Part I, held in February 1943, which was declared on 25th February 1943, and the following are the numbers of the successful candidates:—

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Talk Of The Suburbs

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN.)

Two military lorries, one proceeding towards Palli and the other towards Station on Perry Road, Bandra, collided at the junction of Palli, Turner and Perry Roads, resulting in one of the lorries being completely damaged. Four of the occupants received injuries.

LIQUOR RAIDS.

The Bandra Police carried out two liquor raids one at Chapel Road and one at Bazaar Road. At Chapel Road they arrested Leo Corria, L. Rodricks and Mrs. Lucy Rodricks. On their premises were found it is alleged 9 gallons of wash for making illicit liquor and implements used for distilling. At Bazaar Road, Rocky Dias, Keron Dias and Inas Pinto were arrested with a working still, 4 gallons illicit liquor and 19 gallons wash and implements.

Mill-Workers Jailed

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Abraham Raymand, a mill-worker and Mahabal Shetty were each sentenced to 5 months' R.I. by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court, on a charge of being members of an unlawful Assembly and instigating workers of the factories and mills to go on strike on August 10.

Two other workers who were also arrested by the same police on similar charge were also awarded the same sentence by the Magistrate. They were arrested on August 11.

STUDENT FINED.

Shantilal M. Shah, a student, who was arrested by the police, on a charge of possessing a prejudicial report on December 12 was fined Rs. 60 or in default to suffer 5 weeks R.I. by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate Mazagaon Court to-day.

1,000 FINE AND JAIL FOR MAHIM GROCER.

A sentence of 3 months' R.I. plus fine of Rs. 1,000 was imposed to-day on Dattatraya Ramchandra Agashe, a grocer of Mahim who was arrested by the City Police, for failing to declare the stock of rice which he had in his possession and stood charged under Sec. 81 (4) of D.I.R. by Mr. K. J. Khandalawala, Additional Presidency Magistrate at the Mazagaon Police Court.

In the accused's shop, the police also found 10 undeclared tins of ghee for which the Magistrate sentenced him to two months' R.I.

The accused was further sentenced to undergo 2 months' R.I. for failing to exhibit the price list in the shop.

FIVE OFFICIAL BILLS IN ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

The War Secretary, Mr. C. M. Trivedi, introduced in the Central Assembly to-day, a Bill further to amend the Indian Army Act 1911, and the Indian Air Force Act 1932, seeking to empower the Central Government to establish military prisons and to permit of the imprisonment in military custody of persons who are sentenced to more than three months' imprisonment.

AMENDMENT TO COFFEE MARKET EXPANSION ACT.

Another Bill to amend the Coffee Market Expansion Act, 1942 was introduced by Mr. T. S. Pillay of the Commerce Department.

MORE RAILWAY DEMANDS.

The House disposed of demands for supplementary grants in respect of Railways for 1942/43 including a block of demands totalling some Rs. 10 3/4 crores out of which Mr. T. S. Sankara Ayyar, Financial Commissioner, explained some three crores would be covered by saving in non-voted portions of the grants. The net amount would therefor be about Rs. 7 1/4 crores.

COMPENSATION FOR ACCIDENTS.

The Assembly passed Sir Edward Benthall's Bill to amend the Indian Railways Act as reported by the Select Committee. The bill deals with compensation to passengers involved in accidents, whether or not the accidents were the result of any wrongful act, neglect or default on the part of the railway administration such as would under the present law entitle a passenger to damages. The Select Committee raised the limit of a railway administrations liability in respect of any one person from Rs. 7,000 to Rs. 10,000 and also omitted the provision which specifically debarred a passenger travelling without having with him a proper pass or ticket from having any right to compensation if involved in an accident.

The Assembly passed Mr. Tyson's, Secretary, Education, Health and Lands Bill to amend the Aligarh Muslim University Act, and Sir Sultan Ahmed's Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code. Mr. Tyson's Bill 'inter alia' seeks to enable the University to modify its ordinances expeditiously and provide special course of study for students who wish to join the fighting forces.

The House adjourned till 5 p.m. on February 27, when the annual budget will be presented by the Finance Member.

A question about the detention of Lala Shankerlal was asked in the Central Assembly this morning by Sardar Sant Singh. Mr. Vishnu Sahay, repiying on behalf of the Home Member, said that the Government did not propose to review his case at present. Lala Shankerlal has been in custody since November 1941, as a result of orders passed under Rule 26 of D.I.R.

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CIVIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. H. T. Sorley, C.I.E., I.C.S., to officiate as Chief Secretary to Government, Political and Services Department, relieving Mr. K. L. Panjabi, I.C.S., of the additional duties of Secretary to Government in the Political and Services Department.

Rao Bahadur S. S. Salimath, Deputy Director of Agriculture, N. D. is appointed Dy. Director of Agriculture, S. D. vice Mr. H. G. Baluch.

Mr. H. G. Baluch, Dy. Director of Agriculture, S. D. is appointed Deputy Director of Agriculture, N. D. vice Rao Bahadur S. S. Salimath.

The Governor of Bombay has extended up to the 29th February 1944 the temporary appointments of:—(1) Mr. Hyam S. Israel as Special Press Adviser for Bombay City; (2) All District Magistrates as District Press Advisers for their respective Districts; (3) Mr. D. Gershone as Additional Special Press Adviser for Bombay City; and (4) Mr. G. D. Sathaye as Additional Special Press Adviser for Bombay City.

Services of Mr. J. C. Wilson, Dy. Commissioner of Police, Bombay, are placed at the disposal of H. E. the Crown Representative for employment as Dy. Inspector-General of Police in the W. I. States and Gujarat States Agencies, vice Mr. J. G. Maxwell-Gumbleton.

Dr. R. C. Shah, Professor of Organic Chemistry, Royal Institute of Science, Bombay, has been appointed to officiate as Development Officer (Antigas) in the Directorate General of Supply, from 14th November 1942.

Mr. S. G. Barve, I.C.S. to be Additional Director of Civil Supplies and Dy. Secretary to Government in Finance Dept. (Supply) from 4th February 1943.

Art Of Madame Lichtwitz-Krasso

The exhibition of paintings and drawings by Mme. E. Lichtwitz-Krasso at the Princes Room, Taj Mahal Hotel presents sufficient material of interest. The artist has a forceful and expressive style and paints landscapes, figure-compositions and portraits with equal alacrity. She has presented some delightful landscapes in the views of Mahabaleshwar and Mount Abu and in the exhibits like the "village in Tyrol (18), she lays adequate emphasis on the expressions in the portraits which form a group by themselves. The figure-compositions are noteworthy for the artists' own way of grouping figures.

The striking note of some of the figure-compositions and sketches is the sympathy and love of Mme. Lichtwitz-Krasso for the oppressed, the poor and the working class. She represents factory-life in India in "India workmen" (2) and in Soviet Russia in a set of sketches. Sketches of children from the various countries are also interesting exhibits.

D. G. V.

Olga Craen's Pianoforte Recital

Madame Craen's pianoforte recital on Thursday evening drew a fairly crowded house. She achieved the difficult task of sustaining a high standard throughout and keeping up the general interest.

The programme started with Scarlatti's Pastorale and Capriccio, composition full of strength and design that were rendered with vivid expression. Brahm's Intermezzo followed by Schumann's Etudes completed the first half of the programme—the latter showed up Madame Craen's pure technique to absolute advantage. Faure's "Theme et Varintion" on the other hand expresses deep emotion, and the artiste succeeded in giving it a very sympathetic interpretation the charming melodies of Debussy's "Children's Corner" with its wide variations and dramatic feeling was greatly appreciated by the audience, who vigorously applauded the final piece, the "Naila Valse" and Madame Craen had to oblige with an encore.

MUSLIM NATIONAL GUARDS.

The following resolution was passed at the meeting of Bombay Muslim National Guards held on the 17th instant.

"This meeting of the Bombay Muslim National Guards places on record its emphatic protest against the strange attitude adopted by the Salar-e-Suba and the Organising Committee towards the betterment of this organisation.

Since the time of the appointment of Mr. Husain Beg Mohomed as the Salar-e-Suba, no workable programme has so far been undertaken by him to organise and train the Muslim National Guards for the defence of Muslim Nation, throughout the Bombay Province.

It is a matter of regret to note that a long period of six months has elapsed but there seems no indication on the part of the Salar-e-Suba or the Organising Committee, that they are conscious about the responsibilities taken up by them. The movement has not only shown signs of sinking but has practically died in the whole of Bombay Province.

Further, this meeting takes serious view of the fact that, inspite of our last resolution passed on 28th November appealing to the Organising Committee to take such steps as may be necessary at least to preserve the existing spirit of the Movement and enthusiasm of Muslim youths, and assuring our fullest co-operation to attain this object, the Organising Committee has failed to carry out its moral obligation towards the Muslim youths of Bombay.

Now in despair, we have come to one and the only conclusion that our remaining in this organisation which is almost dead, will not serve any useful purpose whatsoever in the interest of Muslim youths, but will give a false picture of the organisation by merely showing the numerical strength. We further declare that our last six precious months have been criminally wasted and the Organising Committee has consequently forfeited our confidence, and until the total overhauling of whole of the Organising Committee is not effected, it is feared that this organisation will not survive the ordeal.

We therefore, most painfully hereby unanimously resolve in the interest of our young generation to tender our resignations en-bloc until such time, the working and the management of the Organisation is once more improved."

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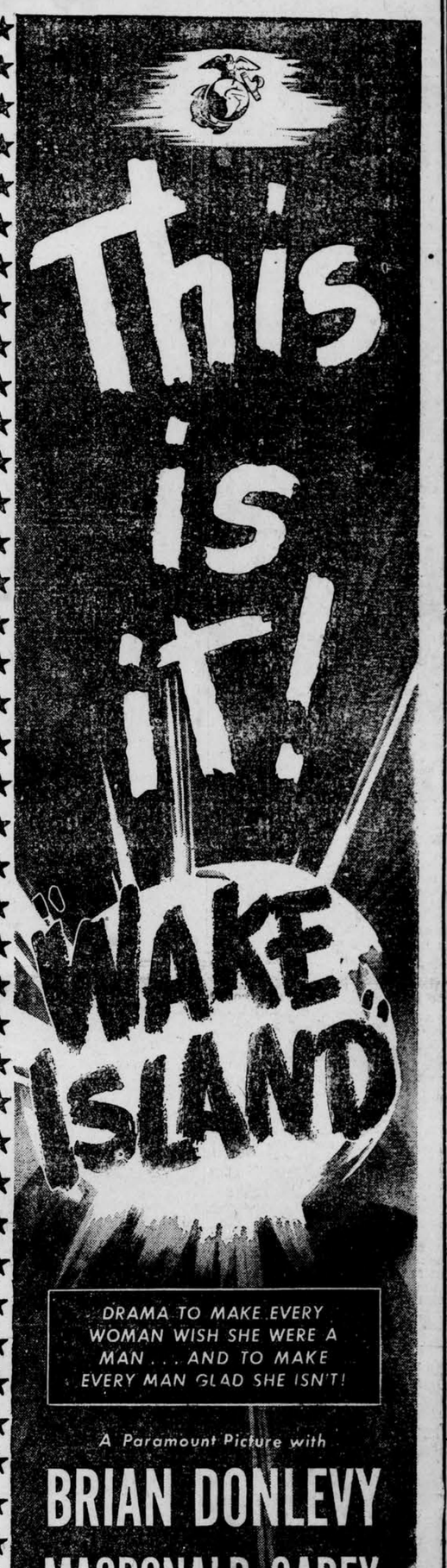

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DANGEROUS OBDURACY

One more day of Gandhiji's fast has passed without any serious deterioration in his health. There are five more days of the ordeal but the hope is stronger to-day than before that he will pass through these unscathed. His reduction of the sweet lime juice to the bare minimum to make the water on which he lives drinkable without causing nausea is what was to be expected. It is to be hoped, however, that the reduction will not bring on another crisis. As regards his immediate unconditional release, little hope of it is afforded by Mr. Churchill's reply to Indian leaders and Mr Amery's paraphrase of it in the House of Commons. He may possibly be released if he is found in a sinking condition. But we cannot be too sure of Britain when she is led by men like Messrs. Churchill and Amery and Lord Linlithgow. For the sake of the British people as well as of India let us hope he will survive all the attacks made on him while he is denied the freedom necessary for an effective reply to them.

Baseless Charge

Mr. Amery repeats the charge that "the object of the fast is simply to enforce his unconditional release." We repeat this is a baseless and unfair charge. Gandhiji made it clear repeatedly in his correspondence with the Viceroy that he only wanted to explain his position and that of the Congress and sought for that purpose either an interview with the Viceroy or with his representative. If that was expecting too much he asked to be put among the Working Committee members to be able to send to the Viceroy their joint considered statement. Gandhiji did not ask for release from jail but only for an opportunity to reply to the charges brought against him and his colleagues. Not getting that opportunity for six months, he undertook a fast to touch the conscience of those who were unfair to him—he assumed they had a sensitive conscience. But even then he made it clear that he only wanted an opportunity to clear himself and his colleagues, an opportunity either in jail or outside it. If even now he is given that opportunity in jail, he is sure to end his fast straightway. In view of these facts it is clearly a false charge that he went on a fast only to secure his unconditional release.

Britain's Duty

Owing to regorous press censorship we cannot be quite sure about the effect of the British Government's attitude on the people of Britain, America and China. It may be assumed that America is sympathetic towards India but may have been misled by British propaganda into the belief that her intervention in this matter may do her more harm than good. As regards Britain, the "Manchester Guardian", perhaps, reflects the feeling of no mean section of the people when it says: "Mr. Gandhi should not be allowed to die, and this fast should be made the occasion for permitting independent leaders, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and others to renew contact with him and the Congress. Had that been done before we should be better off." The feeling in China is bound to be most sympathetic towards India and is but feebly reflected in the words of General Hsuin-Shin-Hui, Head of the Chinese Military Mission now in London, who hopes "the British Government will find a satisfactory solution to the deadlock in India. Past blunders may yet be retrieved if Government are prepared for a reasonable settlement. Immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji may yet have the effect of making Congressmen even more accommodating than they were in dealing with Sir Stafford Cripps. That great advantage will, of course, be missed if Gandhiji is not released and has to go through the rest of his ordeal in jail. And if it ends in a tragedy, no country in the world will envy Briton's lot. In any case the world will find it most intriguing that, while charges are brought against Gandhiji and his coleagues, he is not allowed even to join them.

Axis Reverse In Tunisia

It is, in the circumstances, substantial consolation to learn that Anglo-American forces in Tunisia are making up for lost time by winning back lost ground. Lately the situation in that theatre of the war had progressively been causing anxiety. Striking a series of sudden blows, which took the Allies by surprise and cost them heavily in men and armour, Axis forces drove through the Kasserine Pass in central Tunisia and were theatening two vital points the loss of which might well have endangered the whole Allied position in Tunisia and enabled the enemy to establish a firm and unshakable hold on that most important area of north Africa.

Latest reports, however, give the gratifying news that the Allied forces have recovered from the first blows and more than checked the Axis. Indeed, their counter-attacks are claimed to have scored more than a local success. According to correspondents there are signs of a general withdrawal on the part of the Axis involving even the abandonment of the Kasserine Pass. All this, if true, is heartening. There is still a long way to go, for the Allied forces, the Americans, the French and the British Eighth and First Armies have yet to fight decisive engagements. And Rommel is not the man tamely to quit. But there is no reason why, now that the tide has apparently turned, it should not continue to flow in ever-growing volume. Much valuable time has already been lost; let us, however, hope that Tunisia will be in Allied hands before Hitler strikes back at Russia in May or June.

SURPRISE ATTACK BY RED ARMY

Important New Advance Made West Of Rostov

LONDON, Feb. 25.

A German military spokesman on the radio to-day reported that the Red Army had made a surprise attack with considerable forces on the Moscow front west of Mojaisk in the sector which has been quiet for a long time.

The spokesman declared "after heavy artillery and mortar barrage, the Red Army attacked with thirty tanks supported by five or six battalions of infantry."

MOSCOW: The capture by Soviet troops of a height west of Rostov during the night after fierce hand-to-hand fighting is reported in the supplement to the midday 'communique.'

Moscow radio this morning stated that the Russians have made an "important new advance" west of Rostov. They occupied two lines of German trenches and captured three important heights.

West of Rostov, the battle is assuming very stubborn character. —Reuter.

India And Soviet

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 25.

I understand that India and the Soviet Union have agreed to Exchange Ministers.

U. S. SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.

Extension of the American 1943 shipbuilding programme by additional 2,161 ships totalling 21 million tons was proposed by Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission in making an appropriation request to the House of Representatives Appropriations Sub-Committee.

He said that the current programme until 1943 required the construction of 2,242 ships of which 554 were delivered before January 1 this year. With the extension of the 1943 programme as mentioned above, the projected programme would approximate 44 million pounds for 4,403 ships costing 10,788 million dollars.—Reuter.

IRAQI SUBJECTS IN AXIS TERRITORY WARNED

BAGHDAD, Feb. 25.

Iraqi subjects living in enemy territory are warned in an official "communique" to return home within two months. Those who do not are liable to confiscation of their property and to trial by court-martial in their absence.

The "communique" says that in view of the existence of a state of war between Iraq and the Axis, failure on the part of Iraqi living in enemy territory to repatriate themselves will be considered disloyalty towards the Government and the people of Iraq. Such disloyalty "will be considered as participation in enemy aggression towards Iraq and as assistance to the enemy."—Reuter.

Frankly Speaking

Noteworthy Failure

As Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent points out, it is certainly noteworthy that for the third time in three weeks Hitler has failed to face the microphone and had his proclamation to the Nazi Party read by some one else. It is also, of course, more than likely to cause some speculation and in the Reich. But too complacent a significance cannot be attached to it. Hitler is seriously perturbed over his unexpected defeats in Russia. And these defeats have impaired the confidence of the German people. They, too, are seriously uneasy. But neither the Fuehrer and his army nor the people of Germany are going to break down soon. They will fight with all the more grim determination as defeats multiply until sheer force of circumstances convince them of the imminence and inevitability of defeat. Those circumstances will arise if and when a second front is opened in Europe.

Simon's Dream

According to Lord Simon "after the war is won, it will rest with Britain more than any body else in Europe to keep order in Europe." This statement is both significant and amusing. Britain's Lord Chancellor, symbolising as he does the spirit of his country's governing classes, has represented the traditions of that class. He would have the lion's share at the kill no matter who brings it about and how it is brought about. It is amusing that Lord Simon should be entertaining himself with the agreeable prospect of dominating Europe and forgetting Britain's European Allies particularly Russia to which the major credit for victory will go. And it is significant too.

Brothels And Troops

Replying to a question in the Central Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, Mr. C. M. Trivedi stated that brothels in Calcutta have all along been out of bounds to troops, according to an old order to that effect, reaffirmed in June last. It is to be hoped that attempts will not be made to relax the order or that, if any attempts had been made recently, they will not be renewed. Some days ago complaints were made in Calcutta that attempts had been made to turn several residents out of their houses to make way for brothels. But Mr. Trivedi stated in the Assembly that "there was no question of turning residents out of their houses" for the alleged purpose. The metropolitan promptly issued a press statement wherein he said 'inter alia': "With regard to pressure brought on respectable tenants to vacate their houses that they might be occupied by prostitutes for the military, I have in my possession written statements made by the tenants themselves giving the names of the police officials who requested them to move elsewhere. To say that such requests were not made is contrary to the facts, of which I have the clearest first-hand evidence. I discussed the matter with the Commissioner of Police who did not question the facts which I laid before him." These public allegations have been made by a most responsible person and have not been contradicted. It is to be hoped, however, that the attempts in question will not be renewed.

Sinister Forms

The brothel menace often assumes insidious forms. Last week the Society for the Prevention of Anti-Social Practices, Delhi, invited the attention of the authorities to the growth of mushroom hotels in an alarmingly large number in the heart of the city which were being used as thels are fast multiplying in Bombay city, too. It is up to the authorities to take action before the brothels. In various forms brothels goes too far.

A PRAYER

A Nation prays with soul sincere
That Thou may'st safe preserve
The life of one whom all hold dear,
Whose motto is "I serve".

No humbler man hath trod this earth
In this too conscious age;
With love of Truth instilled from birth,
He's worshipped as a sage.

The moment he began his fast
A common prayer was heard
Throughout this country's temple vast:
"God, save him" was its word.

All hearts in unison still pray
To Thee his life to save:
No greater man doth live to-day,
And surely none more brave.

We pray to Thee that he may live
To serve his country still.
The boon we ask wilt Thou not give,
And our joint prayer fulfil?

S.R.D.

ONE KILLED IN POLICE FIRING IN SANGLI STATE

Woman Sustains Fatal Injuries In Bomb Explosion At Surat

(THROUGH A. P. AND U. P.)

SANGLI, Feb. 25.

One person is reported to have been killed and another injured when police opened fire yesterday at Shrihatti in Sangli State, Dharwar District to prevent some persons from setting fire to the Police Station there.

Rao Saheb Baitmangalkar, District Magistrate and the Dewan of Sangli and the Superintendent of Police left Sangli last night for Shrihatti with a police party.

HUBLI: One person was arrested at Basarkod in Belgaum District on a charge of setting fire to the A. S. P. S. motor car.

Four people have been arrested at Kumta on a charge of setting fire to school buildings and damaging records.

CHAVADIS SET ON FIRE

KOLHAPUR: Chavadis at Hukheri and Modagi were set on fire. D. B. Baji Advappa Ankalgi, A. P. Patil and S. H. Walekar have been arrested on suspicion.

The grain stores at Hudli have been looted.

WOMAN FATALLY INJURED IN BOMB EXPLOSION

SURAT, Feb. 25: One woman received fatal injuries as the result of a bomb explosion near the Jain High School this afternoon.

No arrests have been made as yet. The police have taken possession of a cycle which is believed to have been left on the spot by the culprit who threw the bomb.

Further investigations are proceeding.

ARRESTS FOR SHOUTING

MADRAS: Two students were taken into custody to-day by the police for shouting slogans in front of the Secretariat Offices, Chetput.

Sixteen others were arrested last evening on China Bazar Road, George Town on a charge of staging a demonstration and shouting slogans in public thoroughfares.

DELHI CONVICTIONS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

Five persons who were arrested on February 17 for leading a procession in Chandni Chowk were sentenced to six months' R. I. each by a Local Magistrate.

RAIPUR, Feb. 25: On a charge of profiteering, an oil merchant and his two sons were arrested. His godown and residence were raided and account books seized. It is alleged that the merchant used to charge also commission on currency notes.

A merchant's son was sentenced to six months' R. I. and Rs. 1,000 fine on a charge of possessing an objectionable pamphlet.

DHUBRI: Mr. Manic Chandra Dutt, a Hindi teacher and Congress worker, has been sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules and has been recommended B Class in jail.

Mr. Kalikadas Bhandar, a Congress worker of the District, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment. He was arrested under Rule 26 (B) of the Defence of India Rules on a charge of violating Government orders by leaving the Municipality with informing the local authority.

SYLHET, Feb. 23: Mr. Deba Brata Dutta, Vice-President, All Assam Students' Federation, has been arrested at Habiganj (Sylhet) under the Defence of India Act.

CYCLOSTYLE MACHINE SEIZED AND ITS OWNER ARRESTED

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 25.

About a dozen places were searched in the city, including the houses of an ex-Municipal President and a Professor. A cyclostyle machine was seized from one house, it is stated, and L. B. Bhambure, its owner, taken into custody.

'ABSCONDING' IN SATARA

SATARA: The District Magistrate has issued orders under D. J. R directing Mr. Anna alias Sadashiv D. Joshi, Mr. Bapubhai Husen Mulani and Mr. Maruti D. Havidar of Bilashi, Mr. Dattu Govind Inamdar of Sonawade and Mr. Chandubhai Patwegar of Arala, who are reported to be absconding, to appear before the Mahalkari of Shirala before March 14 next, Mr. Rajaram Waman Khair of Panchgani and Mr. Anantrao Gopal Mutalik of Peta Shirala have also been ordered to appear before the Mahalkari before March 9. Another order directs Mr. Indurao T. Nikam, Mr. Daulata Y. More and Mr. Ganpati B. Gurav, all of Indoli, Karan Taluka, to appear before the First Class Magistrate of Karad before March 17.

SATARA: About half a dozen persons of Islampur and its neighbourhood were arrested in connection with prejudicial activities. Eight persons were arrested in connection with a dacoity at Kole Narasingpur.

KOLHAPUR: Two persons were sentenced to six months' R. I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 100 each or in default to undergo three months' further imprisonment for being in possession of prejudicial leaflets. The house of Mr. V. B. Patil, a Praja Parishad worker, was searched and some alleged objectionable documents seized. A house at Hupari was also searched.

Two students were awarded six months' R. I. and fined Rs. 200 each for prejudicial activities.

STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER DETAINED

HUBLI: Portions of the forest office buildings and the local school buildings have been burnt down at Hiregutti in North Kanara district. Some arrests have been made in this connection.

Four persons have been arrested and detained under D. I. R. at Hunnur in Jamkhandi State. One of them is a member of the State Assembly.

DOZEN RIFLES STOLEN

BELGAUM: Two railway porters were attacked between Belgaum and Khanapur.

Village 'chawadis' at Pattibhal, Karikatti, Sangreskop, Patyal, Naginhal, Madan Bhavi, Torangatti, Modge Gurlhosul and Huker were burnt. Country liquor booths at Ugargol, Yakundi, Daddi, Halai and Belhongal were damaged by fire. Primary schools at Tigadi, Ambadgatti, Devalpur, and Tigadi were set on fire. Village 'daftars' at Murkhibhavi, Tigadi, Sangoli and Korikop were damaged by fire.

About a dozen rifles were stolen from different parts of the district. The residences of Kulkarnis and Patils in several places were set on fire. Two persons who were arrested on a charge of sabotage were let off after giving an undertaking to be of good behaviour for one year.

POONA: An attempt was made to set on fire the post office in the Parsuram Bhau College compound on Tilak Road.

WARDHA: Two women arrested on January 26 last were sentenced to a month's imprisonment each.

SUPERSESSION ENDS

MADRAS: The Government have directed that the West Godavari District Board, which was superseded in September last, to be reconstituted with a strength of 25 members from March 2, 1943. Nine seats will be reserved for minority communities, including one seat for a woman.

STUDENT CONVICTED

MADRAS: One student was convicted by the C. P. M. and sentenced to three months' R. I. for the offence of staging a demonstration and appealing to Government officers to resign.

DETENUS IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA: In the Bengal Legislative Assembly the Chief Minister gave the latest figures of the number of prisoners detained and restricted under D. I. R. in Bengal up to the end of Jan. 1943.

THE FIGURES ARE:—Detained under Rule 26 or Rule 129—(I) special security prisoners 2,355 and (II) others 1,643; restricted under Rule 26 (I) criminals 1,484 and (II) others 10,698.

LAHORE: A professor and a student of a local college have been arrested under Rule 129 of the D. I. R.

'DESHMITRA' EDITOR ON BAIL

SURAT: Mr. Maganlal Vanmalidas Sorathia, Editor of the "Deshmitra" and proprietor of the Deshmitra Printing Press, who was recently arrested under Rule 39(6 of the Defence of India Rules and Section 18 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, has been released on a bail of Rs. 1,000.

ELIMINATION OF URDU FROM JAIPUR

Dr. Abdul Haq's Protest

Dr. Abdul Haq, Hon. Secretary, Anjuman-e-Taraqqi-e-Urdu, has issued the following:—

The State of Jaipur enjoyed the distinction of being a faithful follower of the Moghal traditions even long after the glory of the Moghals had run out its course. Many writers and scholars of the old school found shelter behind its hospitable walls when Delhi was sacked and Oudh laid low. Jaipur became one of the centres of Urdu poetry and that fine language, as a symbol of Hindu-Muslim unity and culture, held unchallenged sway till the death of the last Maharaja Sawai Madhu Singh Ji. In spite of persistent machinations of its short-sighted enemies to evict it.

During the regency of Sir (then Mr.) R. R. Glancey, too, the noisy demand of the advocates of Hindi was rejected on the strength of a Government of India resolution that forbade a Council of regency of an Indian State to carry out any change of that character. Later, the Political Agent had to face another agitation for ousting Urdu in favour of Hindi but saw no reason to deviate from the policy laid down by the Central Government. The State Council was however, prevailed upon to allow the use of Hindi in courts and offices. But even this favouritism to Hindi could not greatly effect Urdu's position on account of its own merits and general popularity.

But the arrival of Sir Mirza Ismail in Jaipur brought out a dramatic change in the whole situation. A certain Pandit R. C. Sharma undertook a fast unto death unless Urdu was completely replaced by Hindi (there were two other demands also) and this move was ostentatiously supported by outbursts of religious bigotry organised by the Local and Provincial Rajputana Hindu Maha Sabha. Under these threats of lawless demonstrations, the Government gave way. In a memorandum dated 28th Jan. '43, they went so far as to declare that "In view of the fact that a large majority of His Highness subjects use Devanagri script, Government desire that all offices and courts should adopt this script, so that the people concerned may not be put to an inconvenience. This will not, however, imply any ban on the use of Urdu script by those who are not conversant with Devanagri script." As this concession did not satisfy the agitators a further Note, dated 8th Feb, 1943, was published making it clear that the word "desire" in the former Memorandum really meant "the intention (decision) of Government" (sic).

But what shocked every fair-minded person was this finishing touch to this brief Note that: "As regards the words 'who are not conversant with Devanagri script' in the last sentence of Memorandum, the intention of Government is to make Devanagri script the common script in all Government offices in the State, as early as possible."

The Urdu version of the Note seems to be a little more involved, if not inelegent, in its language, but provocative enough to cause a great stir amongst all classes who use and understand nothing but Urdu. As this action distinctly seemed to envisage forcible ejection of Urdu—Nagri script being a mere garb for propagating a Sanskritized and newly manufactured Hindi—I had to send a representative of the Anjuman-e-Taraqqi-e-Urdu to interview the Diwan whom I also addressed a personal letter indicating the injustice as well as the risks of an anti-Urdu policy in Jaipur. The Diwan gave a patient hearing to our representations on the 10th Feb. and kindly promised to clarify the position in a way which will remove all apprehensions of the partisans of Urdu. He assured the Anjuman's representative that he will soon issue necessary orders informing us before 15th of Feb., when Jaipur's policy was expected to be discussed in the annual session of the All-India Educational Conference at Aligarh. But so far neither any fresh orders modifying the previous ones harmful to Urdu seem to have been passed by the Jaipur Government nor have I received Sir Mirza's promised reply to my letter. It is, indeed, regrettable that a patriotic statesman of Sir Mirza's experience should have been bluffed to take a line of action which is bound to create bitter dissensions amongst different sections of the people and further remove the prospects of inter-communal harmony and peace in this unfortunate country.

Urdu is a grand monument of Hindu-Muslim co-ordination and unity. To attempt to destroy this excellent common medium is not only unjust but also extremely impolitic. I still hope Sir Mirza Ismail will consider the wider implications of an anti-Urdu policy and amend it in time to avoid its serious repercussions throughout the world of Urdu.

P.S:—As this statement was about to be issued to the Press, I received a belated reply to my letter referred to above from Sir Mirza, enclosing a printed copy of another official Note, dated 15th, Feb. 43, which simply confirm the worst apprehensions of those who feared that Jaipur was bent upon to pursue a policy of eliminating Urdu from its jurisdiction.

COVERING THE FAST

(From Our Special Correspondent)

POONA, Feb. 24.

With a variety of rumours relayed every few hours by untraceable, unauthorised "news-agencies" perhaps lurking in every street corner in the sleepy town of Poona, covering the fast of Gandhiji has proved to be a tough job for news-hounds who include three Americans. Mr. McGaffin of the Associated Press of America, Mr. Derrell Berrigan of the United Press of America and Mr. Tom Treaner of the "Los Angeles Times" call it the most uncommon assignment of their life and try to keep an all night vigil at the gates of the Aga Khan's palace.

"The stomach is very important to the Americans and I cannot visualise anyone in my country fasting like here in India" said Mr. McGaffin to me. To the average American reader, the Mahatma's fast was "undoubtedly a story of human interest."

Mr. Berrigan who covers the assignment for the United Press is suffering from a sense of irritation because "it takes a lot of words to explain the fast" to the readers of his country and words mean money even at a time when they are in grave danger between the Scylla of the Press censor and the Charybdis of the news editor who complains of pressure on space.

For the news-men in Poona the day starts and ends with the "darshan" of the gates of the Aga Khan's palace, guarded unconsciously by two dogs or "two yellow pariah dogs" as they have often been referred to in the dispatches of the American press correspondents. Desperately on the look-out for local colour, the press has studied, though second hand, the setting in which Gandhiji has commenced his fast. The "palace" as it is generally referred to in all the dispatches is an old style three storied building with minarets and a watch tower.

Every little incident that has tickled the foreign press correspondent as he stood patiently on the Poona-Ahmednagar road overlooking the palace, awaiting developments, has found a place in the dispatches relayed to distant lands. The "yellow pariah dogs" barking at "select" pedestrians passing the palace gates, bony buffaloes drinking water at the way side tap in the vicinity and suddenly provoking the pariah dogs into a howl, mosquitoes keeping the pressmen alert while they are on an all-night vigil, are some of the highlights of an otherwise lean story flashed daily to America. Pestered by their bosses in New York for greater detail, these news-hounds have started hunting up references to the previous fasts of Gandhiji, from files of the "Young India" and the "Epic Fast". It is the seventeenth fast undertaken by Gandhiji but two pressmen can never agree on a point that involves arithmetical calculation so that some dispatches have referred to the present fast as the nineteenth.

While the hospital cot on which Gandhiji is resting during the fast is out of the pressman's reach, the details about his health from day to day through the medical bulletin are denied to him in Poona. Curiously enough the bulletin is issued only in Bombay so that the only inkling into the Mahatma's health here is through Dr. B. C. Roy, the personal physician of Gandhiji. As the doctor rushes back from the palace at noon for a hurried lunch, pressmen crowd round him on the verandah of No. 1, Koregaon Park and bombard him with questions until Roy's little niece who acts as his care-taker pipes in: "he must have his lunch" and drags him away.

Latest War Map Of China

We have received from the Chinese Ministry of Information a copy of the latest war map of China. Copies of this map, showing the war fronts in China upto 22nd January this year, are obtainable at Re. 1 per copy at Messrs. W. Newman and Company, Oxford Stationery Company and Thacker and Spink Company Ltd.

KALAPPA'S WIRE TO VICEROY

NAGPUR, Feb. 24:—Mr. V. R. Kalappa, President of the B. N. R. Indian Labour Union, has sent a telegram to the Viceroy urging the release of Mahatma Gandhi.—United Press.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"After the war is won, it will rest with Britain more than any body else in Europe to keep order in Europe".

—Lord Chancellor Viscount Simon.

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In reply to the Leaders' Conference cable, Mr. Churchill—whose temperature we are sorry to learn has not yet left him—says that the Government of India have detained Gandhiji and other Congress leaders "for reasons which have been fully explained and are well understood."

As a matter of fact they are very well understood.

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The Leaders' cable urged that the charges brought by the Government "do not rest upon an examination by any impartial tribunal or independent body of men."

What a foolish and ridiculous plea! They didn't even know the elementary fact that the charges had been decided by a higher tribunal and endorsed by the highest.

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The Ceylon State Council in the absence presumably of wholesome Rules and Regulations to prevent the Legislature from discussing important questions, has passed a resolution asking for the release of Mahatma Gandhi.

This is, of course, very deplorable, almost shocking. But there is no truth yet in the rumour that Governor-General's Council met at New Delhi to formulate a strong protest against the Ceylon State Council on behalf of the Peoples and Princes of India.

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In this connection the 'Associated Press' particularly notes that all the six of the seven Ceylon Ministers present voted for the resolution.

They certainly betrayed a lack of responsibility unworthy of the position they hold. But it is only fair to urge that they cannot be so actually aware of the cataclysmic consequences to India and the world that will flow from Gandhiji's release as our own Honourable Indian Ministers are.

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In a proclamation to the Nazi Party, Fuehrer Adolf Hitler says "I am still in the east....."

He had better move lest circumstances beyond his control forced him to live permanently in the east.

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"The Rome radio this afternoon foreshadowed big new withdrawals by the Germans in Russia."

—Reuter.

The Berlin radio should retaliate by foreshadowing big new advances by the Germans into Italy.

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If only the good could be clever,
And if only the clever were good.
The world would be better than ever
We dreamed that it possibly could
But alas for all human endeavour,
Alas for the misunderstood,
The good are so harsh to the clever,
And the clever so rude to the good.

Tit-Bits.

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Bore: "Talking about Africa makes me think of the time—"

Bored One: "Good gracious, you're quite right. I had no idea it was so late. Good-bye."

The King And Gandhiji

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—A nation is praying for Gandhiji. Sir Tej Bahadur expects only a miracle to save his life. Mr. Amery has said that the whole decision rests with the Viceroy. Now we have the "No" from the Viceroy for the immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji. In these circumstances will it be an impossible expectation from His Majesty to use his prerogative and magnanimity and intervene in the present 'impasse' for the sake of Peace and Goodwill! A nation awaits.—Yours, etc.,

L. M. VERGHESE.

Rajkot.

Autocracy Exposed

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—By turning down Mr. Rajagopalachariar's modest and reasonable plea, supported by "best legal friends" to let Mahatma Gandhi meet the Congress Working Committee, the autocracy at Delhi stands exposed even in the eyes of those who had not hesitated to denounce the recent Congress policy.

Lord Linlithgow and his Council may have justification in refusing to countenance the politics and ethics of the fast. But they must accept the authority of the Indian Criminal Procedure Code; or do they claim to be above the law?

They have imprisoned Congress people for more than six months and now expect their leader to plead guilty to a charge of a grave and comprehensive conspiracy, without leading evidence in a court of law or before a judicial tribunal. On top of it, they now refuse the elementary right of a prisoner on a charge of conspiracy to meet his co-accused for the purpose of defence and refuting the charge.

Will that legal pedant, Dr. Ambedkar, please tell us if all this strictly conforms to the letter and the spirit of the law? At the same time, how do the legal purists and pundits in the Council justify their blunt refusal to have a judicial inquiry into the alleged excesses of the police and the military? Is this democratic justice? Is it conceivable that such an inquiry would be refused in a country like England or U. S. A.—Yours, etc.

M. G. DESAI.

Points From Letters

MR. IQBAL KHAN protesting against the remarks of the New York 'Herald Tribune' says: "India would never have appealed to the United States to intervene in her affairs if the U.S. had not been a member of the United Nations, evinced such a keen interest as to send a Personal Envoy to this country and done that spate of vaunted propaganda about fighting for world freedom."

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MR. R. N. JOSHI: "It is unfair on the part of the Government to accuse Mahatmaji when he is in a state in which he cannot issue any statement against the 'Tottenham Pamphlet'."

India, Turkey & U. K. C. C.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The 'Financial News' features the gratifying growth of Anglo-Turkish trade through the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation. Following the Adana meeting, German propaganda has been insinuating that Turkey economically is entirely dependent on Germany, but actually Britain's and the sterling area's increasing role in Turkey's trade, has evidently broken the quasi-monopoly which Germany enjoyed before the war as the result of her Near Eastern Trade drive.

Despite transport difficulties and Britain's concentration on her own war effort, the Corporation has been able to assist Turkey in deliveries of heavy machinery, Railway material, mining plants and other needed manufactures. Shipments from the United Kingdom in 1942 amounted to £4,938,000 (excluding considerable shipments of arms whose value is undisclosed) compared with 1938 £2,475,000. 1942 deliveries from other parts of the Sterling area totalled £4,905,000, including wool from Australia, Hides and Jute from India, sisal and coffee from East Africa and numerous essential raw materials. Valuable transactions also occurred with the neighbouring middle eastern countries, Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Iraq and Persia in which the Corporation has branches.

Typically 200 tubes monthly for ten months were supplied from India for the Zonguldak coal mines.

The paper says that in all these operations, the U. K. C. C. endeavours to preserve normal commercial channels both in the United Kingdom and Turkey. British exporters are aided in obtaining export licences, cargo space and financial guarantees.—Reuter.

LONDON.—A big callup for the armed services will be made this year, the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in the Commons. In addition more people are to be employed in munitions than ever before. The manpower situation will be intensely difficult.

Sir Ghulam Speaks For Sind

KARACHI, Feb. 24.

Defending the Government policy in acting independently in respect of the sale of surplus food grains, Sir Ghulam Hussain, the Premier said the Sind Government had no intention of subsidizing other Provinces by providing them with cheap food when the latter, in return only provided this Province with manufactured articles and other produce at prices which had increased more than twice, proportionately above the pre-war level. Very considerable profits are expected by the Sind Government by itself trading in exportable surpluses."

"It is realised," said the Premier, "that thereby the Sind Government will receive a considerable income, which it is denying to its own producers but after all, this Government is the people, and the people generally will reap the advantage which is denied to individuals."—A. P.

Sind Zamindar Shot

KARACHI, Feb. 24.

It is officially learnt Khan Bahadur Karim Baksh Buhawar, leader of Kuhawar tribe and prominent Zamindar of Larkana District, was shot at his village 20 miles from Larkana last night. The assailants have not been traced.—A. P.

Calcutta University Syndicate has sent a telegram to H. E. the Viceroy urging Mahatma Gandhi's release.

MINISTERS CAN TAKE LEGISLATURE INTO CONFIDENCE

Bengal Assembly Deputy Speaker's Ruling

CALCUTTA, Feb. 24.

The view that "it is absolutely within the discretion of the Minister to take the House in confidence" was expressed by Mr. Syed Jalaluddin Hashemy, Deputy Speaker, while giving his ruling in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day on the 'point or order' raised by Dr. Nalinaksha Sannyal (official Congress).

The question raised by Dr. Sannyal related to the right of the House to know from the Minister concerned what advice he had given to the Governor in a matter which was directly within the special responsibility of the Governor.

The Deputy Speaker said that the whole question hinges on the point whether the Speaker had got the power to compel a Minister to disclose to the House as to what advice he had tendered to the Governor in a case where the Minister's advice was not mandatory upon him. He however stated that the message of Lord Linlithgow, dated the 21st June, 1937, in defining the position of the Ministers 'vis-a-vis' the Governor, clearly laid down that the Ministers were entitled, if they so desired, publicly to state their responsibility for any particular decision or even the advice they tendered in a particular case to the Governor. "So in this particular case" he said, "Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq will be within his right if he discloses to this House what advice he had given to the Governor."

The case referred to in Deputy Speaker's ruling was regarding the detention of two members of the Assembly and the Managing Director of two local dailies.—A. P.

Proclaimed Hur Leader Shot Dead

HYDERABAD, Feb. 24.

Fazal Rajar, another notorious and proclaimed Hur leader whose main field of activities was Thar area, was shot dead near Umerkot by the military during the weekend. One gun and several rounds of ammunition were secured.—A. P.

BRITAIN TO POLICE EUROPE AFTER WAR

LONDON, Feb. 24.

After the war is won, it will rest with Britain more than any body else in Europe to keep order in Europe said Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, in the Lords today.

He was replying to many appeals to Government to reconsider their attitude to the Beveridge Social Security Plan.

LONDON: Immediate release of Mr. Gandhi and speedy settlement of the Indian problem was urged at a press conference called by the India League on Monday.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, Feb. 26.

Delhi—I Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s.)

5 Feroza Begam. 5-10 Vilayat Hussain: 5-25 Iqbal Bano. 5-30 Ramanand Sharma. 5-45 Reba Ghosh: 6 Afzal Hussain. 6-10 Iqbal Bano. 6-45 Vilayat Hussain: 7 Sada yad rahega. 7-15 Ramanand Sharma. 7-25 Feroza Begam. 7-30 The fourth estdate. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Reba Ghosh: 8 45 Jangnama. 9-30 B B C news. 9-45 World affairs. 10 Classical concert. 10-45 Ghazalen aur geet.

Bombay I Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Surbahar recital. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Panditrao Nagarkar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Ali Baksh Zahoor. 9-25 A variety. 9-35 Laxmi Bai Kelkar. 12-30 Qawwalis. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Vocal variety 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School broadcasts. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 M. G. Basarkar. 5-20 Rasiklal Pandya: 5-40 Ali Baksh Zahoor. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Children's half-hour (English). 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 News commentary (Gujarati). 6-50 Jaltarang solo: 7 Shatruchya Batmya (Marathi). 7-15 Musical mixture. 7-30 Panditrao Nagarkar. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Laxmi Bai Kelkar. 8-20 In the news. 8-25 Music. 8-30 Our Universities. 8-45 Ali Baksh Zahoor. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 world affairs. 10 Laxmi Bai Kelkar. 10-10 Mata.

Bombay II—Programme

61.44 metres (4,880 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Gujarati geets. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Rasiklal Pandya: 9-5 M. G. Basarkar. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)

12-30 to 2-30 As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s.)

4-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Rasiklal Pandya: 7-55 M. G. Basarkar. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air orchestra: 9-10 Panditrao Nagarkar. 9-30 Eva Khan. 9-45 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 10 Chamber music.

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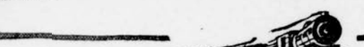

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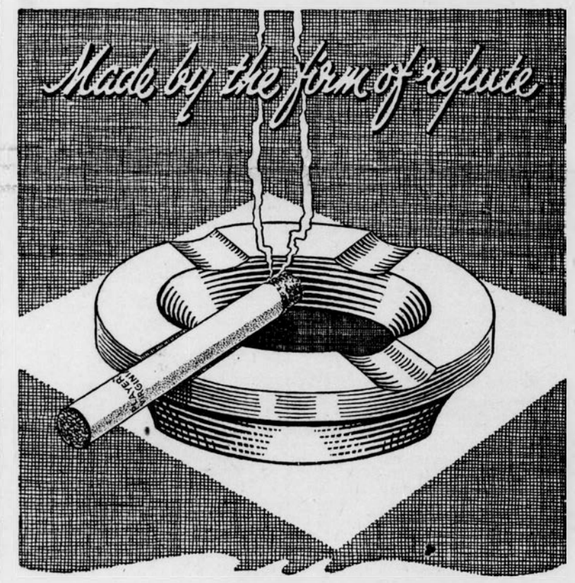

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I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING CANOEING!
I AM!
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT IN THE WATER?
WHAT? AND TIP OVER AND DROWN! I CAN'T SWIM!
I'M GOING SWIMMING!

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PUNJAB CABINET RESHUFFLE?

(From Our Correspondent.)
NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

A report from Lahore mentions an early reshuffling of the Punjab Cabinet.

It appears that Sir Jamal Hussain Larghari feels aggrieved for it has not been given any place in the Cabinet.

It is likely that Sir Shahabuddin the Speaker of the Punjab Assembly will shortly retire His place is expected to be given to Mr. Abdul Hai Education Minister, and Sir Jamal may be taken into the Cabinet in his place.

"Law Of The Tropics" At Strand

Warner Bros. present "Law Of The Tropics" a dramatic love story set in the atmosphere of a rubber plantation, is released this week for the first time in Bombay at Strand. The film has a fine cast featuring Constance Bennett and Jeffrey Lynn in the starring roles with Regis Toomey, Mona Maris and Hobart Boswarth in support.

"A Day In Soviet Russia" At Kohinoor

'A Day in Soviet Russia' the excellent Documentary which was produced by about 97 camera men, will be shown from Saturday (to-morrow) at Kohinoor Cinema B B C. I. Dadar which is for the first time in Bombay North. This film depicts life in Soviet Russia as lived by men before the war all over that extensive land.

"The Little Foxes" At Palace

A drama of great emotional power and intensity will be seen at Palace this week. It is Samuel Goldwyn's production of "The Little Foxes", starring Bette Davis. It is the story of one woman's ruthless ambition and the effect it had on those around her.

In the leading role of Reginald Giddens, the beautiful and heartless wife of a Southern banker, Bette Davis gives one of the best performances in her career.

"Wake Island" At Regal

Paramount's "Wake Island," is a telling story of the little band of outnumbered Marines who for fourteen days stood off the pounding of Jap invasion forces and by so doing thrilled the hearts of all Americans and wrote glorious Marine history.

Paramount gathered together a brilliant cast to portray the many real life roles. Heading the list are Brain Donlevy Robert Preston. MacDonald Carey, Albert Dekker. Walter Abel, Barbara Britton and William Bondix.

Fay Bainter who typifies today American woman in "The War Against Mrs. Hadley" at Metro.

'Springtime In The Rockies' 2nd Week At Eros

"Carmen Miranda stays for another week at the Eros."

That spring is the time and the Rockies the place for everything melodious, romantic and gay is the merry message of "Springtime In The Rockies" the lively new 20th Century-Fox picture in enchanting technicolor which is being held over at the Eros for another week after a successful first week. The film has the fine cast of musical comedy stars such as Betty Grable, John Payne, Carmen Miranda, Cesar Romero, Edward Everett Horton, Charlotte Greenwood and Harry James and his music makers.

"Bambi" At New Empire For Another Week

"Bambi", the beautiful cartoon feature film by Walt Disney has been held over for another week at New Empire.

"The War Against Mrs. Hadley" At Metro

Washington in wartime is the setting for a vivid story of a woman's soul, in "The War Against Mrs. Hadley" which brings Fay Bainter to the screen as the embodiment of many women who, when the war started, refused to be drawn into it until awakened to the truth about national defence. The picture is literally a cross-section of a woman's soul.

"They Died With Their Boots On" At Aurora

Warner's "They Died With Their Boots On" at Aurora this week, starring Errol Flynn as General George Custer, deals with that gallant soldier's adventurous career as the Commanding Officer of the famous 7th. Cavalry which guarded the territory of Dakota.

"Secret Mission" At Excelsior

A terrific moving sequence in "Secret Mission" this Friday at the Excelsior theatre, is the death scene when James Mason is being given the last rites by the priest. The grim realism of this scene is said to have been almost unbearable for those who were on stage at the time.

Programme At Paradise

"Kit-Carson" featuring Jon Hall and Lynn Bari will be shown at Paradise Talkies (Mahim) from Fri. 26th to Mon. 1st March.

From 2nd Tues. and Wed. 3rd George Raft and Joan Bennett love drama "The House Across The Bay" will be shown.

Programme At Light House

From Friday to Sunday.
"Strawberry Blonde" starring Brenda Marshall, David Bruce.
Monday and Tuesday
"Strawberry Blonde" starring James Cagney, Olivia De Havilland.
Wednesday and Thursday.
"Santa Fe Trail" starring Errol Flynn, Olivia De Havilland.

WIDOWERS MUST MARRY ONLY WIDOWS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.

"No Hindu widower shall marry anyone who is not a widow." This is the chief provision of a private member's bill introduced in the Bengal Legislative Assembly which has been recirculated this session by the House for further eliciting of public opinion. The bill provides that violation of the provision shall be punishable with S. I. upto six months or fine upto Rs. 1,000 or both.—A. P.

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Pass North-west Of Kasserine Cleared Of Enemy Forces

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa:—

It is officially announced that Axis forces continued withdrawal from the pass north-west of Kasserine Allied forward elements are in contact with the Axis there.

Armoured cars of the Eighth Army are actively patrolling east of the Mareth Line.

Allied fighters and light bombers following the Axis withdrawal in Central Tunisia made repeated heavy attacks on motor transport and troops and road and rail communications.

The French forces are clearing up a number of enemy pockets of resistance. A number of Italian prisoners have been captured.

ALLIES BOMB NAPLES

ROME:—An Italian Communique states: "The enemy planes last night dropped bombs on Naples causing damage to buildings. There were isolated operations in which targets in the provinces of Catanzaro and Messina and Trapani were machinegunned."

CHASED BY ALLIES

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa in a cable this afternoon said: "Axis troops have been cleared from the entire region north-west of the Kasserine Pass and are continuing their hasty retreat through the Pass with British and American troops hot on their heels. Advance Allied elements are maintaining contact with Axis rearguards mainly consisting of Italian troops just inside the western mouth of the Pass.

The entire area west of the Allied defence ridge is now cleared of the enemy and the situation has been restored to its alignment of last week except that the Germans have suffered heavy and possibly irreparable losses in tanks and equipment.—Reuter.

GIGANTIC SCHEME FOR ELECTRIFICATION

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The picturesque Highlands of Scotland face industrial revolution following the adoption in the Commons of a measure to establish a non-Profit-Earning Public Services Board to harness water power estimated capable of producing 4,000 million units of electricity yearly.

Large-scale industries will be encouraged to settle in the Highlands.

The Commons have rejected six previous schemes during the last few years urging that industrialisation would destroy the beauty of the Highlands.

To-day Labour and Conservative alike agreed that time had come to accept industrial development of the Highlands and the Government measure was accepted without division.—Reuter

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COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 25.

Private trading was done in the local market and there was considerable enthusiasm. March option was done at Rs. 538 and later prices declined to Rs. 506. May was quoted Rs. 8 higher.

INDIAN COTTON FORECAST

The fourth forecast of cotton crop of India for 1942-43 is as under:—

On the average of the last ten years the area reported in the Fourth Forecast has been 99.1 per cent of the area reported in the Supplementary (Fifth) Forecast, and the estimated yield, 95.3 per cent.

The figures below were supplied by wire to-day by the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta.

Season 1942-43: Estimated area of cotton in acres, 18,716,000; Estimated yield of cotton in bales of 400 lbs. net, 4,429,000.

Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) of above figure on the revised estimate at this date last year: Estimated area of cotton in acres, —20 per cent; Estimated yield of cotton in bales of 400 lbs. net, —26 per cent.

The table below shows the present estimates of area and yield classified according to the recognised trade descriptions of cotton:—

Trade descriptions.	AREA (In acres)	YIELD. (In bales of 400 lbs. net).
Bengals	1,711,000	551,000
Americans	3,138,000	1,312,000
Oomras	5,039,000	974,000
Broach	677,000	179,000
Surti	540,000	109,000
Dholleras	1,340,000	247,000
Others	6,271,000	1,057,000
Total	18,716,000	4,429,000

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Feb. 24

March	20.40—05
May	19.96—11
July	19.74—11
Middling Spot	21.84—17

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Feb. 24

March	20.53—09
May	20.27—10
July	20.00—08
Middling Spot	20.37—10

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, Feb. 24

March	20.26
May	19.92
July	19.67

LONDON WHEAT
London, Feb. 24

Rozario Santa Fe Feb/March quoted 26/1 1/2
Australian Feb/March quoted 28

The Half-Column By "Dim"

The Academy Award for 1943 will undoubtedly be awarded to Lord Linlithgow for his brilliant performance in the British Empire picture "Onward Christian Soldier" now showing at the Imperial Cinema, New Delhi. (U. S. War Correspondents, please copy).

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U. S. War Correspondents were overheard complaining in the Cecil Hotel in New Delhi that their messages with regard to the Fast were being drastically killed. The Censors had probably in mind the acute paper shortage in America!

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Messrs. Tripathi & Co. tell me that from a parcel of books they sent to their clients in South Africa, copies of "OUT OF DUST" by D. F. Karaka were confiscated by the Kenya authorities. The story of the Mahatma and the Indian struggle cannot be allowed to penetrate into that incubator of racial prejudice.

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I have been kept busy all morning by those who wanted to know what happened at the Turf Club meeting. It is difficult to piece details together. One interesting detail is that Mr. A. C. Ardeshir scrambled in by a whisker on a show of hands. And the opposition didn't demand a poll! Can you beat that?

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

JULY.
New York, Feb. 25.

Previous closing	19.74
To-day's opening	19.74
Difference	Nil

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Feb. 25.

Previous closing	4.03
To-day's opening	not received

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Feb. 25.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD
London, Feb. 25.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, Feb. 25.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES
London, Feb. 25.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 31/32 sellers 1-6 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.37) 30.37

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS
London, Feb. 25.

Castorseeds Bombay February/March (£34 1/4) £34 1/4 quoted
Linseed Calcutta February/March (£24 3/4) £24 3/4 quoted
Linseed La Plata February/March un quoted
Groundnut Coromandal February/March East Coast Indian shipment (£32 1/2 quoted) £32 1/2 quoted West Coast Indian shipment (£33 1/2 quoted) £33 1/2 quoted

LONDON METALS
London, Feb. 25.

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 25.

The London Stock Exchange was mainly steady to-day.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, Feb. 25.

Following are closing quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:—

Sugar and Breweries: Deccan big 257/8; do small 60/8; India sugar 12/4; Mysore sugar 60; South India 12/10; Travancore 15.

Plantings: Cochin Malabar 15/6; Chembra Peaks 10/6; Coorg 61; High Produce 43; Kalpetta 45/4; Malankara 82; Midland 17/4; Nenmeny 19/12; Nellithanam 15/12; Nelliampathy Hills 5/2; Ouchterlony 11/8; Perrmade 44; Periakaramalai 24/12; Rajagiri 16/10; Travancore 24/12; Udayagiri 17/4; Vaikundam 17/10; Velitam 34/8.

Textiles: Bangalore Wool 360; B and C ordy 300; Cambodia 32; Coimbatore Spg. 265; Coimbatore Pioneer 424; Coimbatore C M 318; Dhanlaxmi 575; Janardhana 190; Kaleeswarar 607; Kothari Tex 27; Lakshmi 238 do new 119; Mysore Spun 19/12; Mettur 277; Madura 62/12; Pankaja 307/8; Rajalakshmi 325; Rajakrishna 430; Rangavilas 160; Sitaram Spg. 163; Vasantha 320.

Miscellaneous: Cement 85; Bruntons 13; St. Roll 7/4; Mysore Lamps 24/12; Mysore Chem and Fert 24/4; Mysore Paper 21/8; Mettur Chem 23/12; do defd 7/14; Singareni 10/6; Spencer 8.

STANDARD CLOTH BOSS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.

Information has been received here that Mr. M. K. Vellodi, I.C.S., has been appointed Standard Cloth Commissioner of the Central Government with headquarters at Bombay.—A. P.

AKALI-MUSLIM PACT MOVE STORY

LAHORE, Feb. 25.

It is understood that some Akali leaders are making efforts to come to some sort of settlement with the Muslims of Punjab over Pakistan and Azad Punjab issues.

These leaders believe that their economic interests are more identical with Muslims than with Hindus and that Sikhs will be gainers if they make an alliance with Muslims.

It is interesting to note that another group of Akalis is trying to forge a united Hindu-Sikh political front against the Muslims in Punjab at the same time when efforts are being made to bring about a Sikh-Muslim rapprochement.—Orient Press.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 25.

LONDON—
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months.
B C Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/5 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32

LONDON/NEW YORK—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs 326 1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4

LONDON/BERNE—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying Fcs 131 1/2

LONDON/STOCKHOLM—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128

MEXICO/LONDON—
Banks selling T T Rs 57.27 D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04

LISBON/LONDON—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 nom D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA/LONDON—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T — D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady. Dull.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready.
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready. 23 1/2 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call one and two months 1/4 per cent.
3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent.
10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Better enquiry.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 19th February, 1943.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
CAPITAL	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	5,75,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	170,26,43,000
Sundries	79,16,000
Rupees	182,43,09,000

ASSETS	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	120,94,65,000
Other Authorised Investments	1,34,20,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	9,40,83,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	18,06,92,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	3,08,58,000
Dead Stock	1,74,05,000
Sundries	65,80,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	25,13,03,000
Balances with other Banks	2,05,03,000
Rupees	182,43,09,000

LONDON SILVER
London, Feb. 24

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, Feb. 24.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Feb. 24

T T London on:—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Feb. 24.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68 3/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 7/16
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£105 5/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 1/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£115 1/4
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£113 11/16
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£8 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£69
National Bank of India	£33 3/4

A. I. Weather Report

POONA, Feb. 25.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on February 21, 1943:

Allahabad 87, 59, nil; Bombay 93, 72, nil; Calcutta 83, 68, nil; Cawnpore 87, 54, nil; Cuttack 89, 61, nil; Darjeeling 52, 40, nil; Delhi 87, 55, nil; Dehra Dun 78, 49, nil; Jacobabad 78, 53, nil; Karachi 83, 64, nil; Lahore 79, 52, nil; Lucknow 89, 59, nil; Madras 85, 67, nil; Nagpur 93, 63, nil; Patna 82, 57, nil; Peshawar 70, 49, nil; Shillong 62, 42, nil; Simla 59, 47, nil.—A. P.

EXCISE REVENUE SHOOTS UP

There was an increase of Rs. 47,91,212 in the realisations of the Excise Department of the Government of Bombay for the year 1941-42. The total realisation was Rs. 2,66,00,885 compared with Rs. 2,18,09,674 in 1940-41. The revenue from wines and spirits provided a large proportion of the increase, being Rs. 68,31,024 as compared with Rs. 43,50,121 in the previous year. Other notable increases were, Rs. 11,27,480 from country spirit, Rs. 3,31,539 from country fermented liquor, Rs. 2,05,871 from hemp drugs, 2,62,050 from recoveries from Government commercial undertakings and Rs. 1,53,454 from commercial spirits.

Relaxation of the Government's prohibition policy and increased spending power owing to higher war wages were to a large extent responsible for the increased consumption of liquor.

Sales of country spirit at shops recorded an increase of 53,538 proof gallons, or about 9.1 per cent. compared with the previous year.

The total ration of country spirit for 1941-42 was 1,769,342 proof gallons, and consumption for the whole Province was 42.9 per cent of the ration.

There was an increase of 66,096 gallons in the consumption of toddy and an increase in the total revenue under this head from Rs. 40,99,539 in 1940-41 to Rs. 44,29,293. The increase in revenue from licence fees was from Rs. 23,55,536 to Rs. 25,06,836.

There was an increase in the consumption of all kinds of potable foreign liquors as compared with the previous year, the main increases being in Bombay and Ahmedabad, due to relaxation of the Government's prohibition policy.

IMPORTS AND CONSUMPTION

The following were the imports of foreign liquors into Bombay in 1941-42, compared with the previous year; Fermented liquors, 1,149,009 gallons (increase of 62,823 gallons); wines, 43,879 gallons (increase of 10,386 gallons); potable spirits, 122,774 gallons (increase of 19,692 gallons); denatured and perfumed spirits 245,155 gallons (increase of 147,281 gallons).

The following were the quantities sold as compared with 1940-41: Fermented liquors, 1,973,834 gallons (increase of 235,958 gallons); wines, 20,960 gallons (increase of 1,351 gallons); potable spirits, 256,541 gallons (increase of 88,801 gallons); non-potable denatured and perfumed spirits, 270,251 gallons (decrease of 37,492 gallons). The number of licences for the sale of foreign liquor increased to 1,896 from 1,715 in the previous year.

The quantity of cocaine and allied drugs imported during the year rose from just over 50 lb. to more than 156 lb., due to larger imports by the Government Medical Stores Depot. Opium issued from Depots realised Rs. 10,39,207, the net profit to the Government amounting to Rs. 8,15,455.

The prohibition and dry areas remained unchanged during the year. The sale of country liquor in the Bombay prohibition area was prohibited as before.

No Truth In It

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

It is learnt that rumours connected with the impending resignation of some more Executive Councillors have no foundation at all. It is further understood that Sardar Sir Jogendra Singh is expected to take charge temporarily the Indian Overseas and Food Departments in addition to his own portfolio. Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar is returning to India to join the Commerce Department. It is expected that the names Sir A. R. Mudaliar's successor and also Sir R. Maxwell's will be announced in due course.—Orient Press

UNEASINESS IN THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA

"More Military Pressure Can End Japan", Says Chinese Paper

BOMBAY, Feb 24.

THE 'CENTRAL DAILY NEWS' THE CHUNGKING OFFICIAL ORGAN, PREDICTS THE END OF JAPAN IF MORE MILITARY STRENGTH CAN BE BROUGHT ON HER.

ANALYSING THE NUMEROUS INTERPELLATIONS IN THE JAPANESE DIET, THE PAPER SEES FIVE PROBLEMS FACING JAPAN AND POINTING TO ITS ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION.

TOJO DEMANDS DICTATORIAL POWERS.

The most outstanding feature of the present Japanese Diet is the demand for further dictatorial powers by Tojo, who proposed a bill for special executive power enabling the Premier to direct activities of Cabinet members.

As far as we know, the present phase of Tojo distatorship is by no means on a small scale. His plan is only to further his power as the dictator of Japan.

In answering a question in the Representative Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Tojo said that the main policy in the south east occupied territories is to obtain necessary war supplies and essential materials.

SHIPPING SHORTAGE.

The greatest difficulty Japan now faces is her shipping shortage. Such shortage results not only in the difficulty in bringing materials from the south seas to Japan but also in bringing reinforcements and weapons to Japanese forces or South Sea islands.

Greater East Asia Minister, Mr. Aoki, admitted in the Diet that since the formal establishment of the Greater East Asia Ministry, Thailand and Indo-China have been feeling uneasy.

FEAR OF COLLAPSE.

Mr. Tojo's budget for 1943 totals 49 billion 275 million Yen including a special military budget of 36 billion Yen. but excluding supplementary budget The Japanese people are asked to save 27 billion Yen in a year to buy 21 billion 600 million worth of bonds and use 600 billion Yen.

WITH INCREASED TAXES AND INCREASED COST OF LIVING, HOW CAN THE JAPANESE PEOPLE FACE THE BIG SUM? IF NOT THE ONLY WAY OUT IS INCREASED INFLATION WHICH WILL EVENTUATE IN A FINANCIAL COLLAPSE OF JAPAN.—A.P.

Hyderabad And Indore Teams For Ranji Match

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Feb. 25.

In the semi-final of the Ranji Trophy Cricket championship, which commences to morrow, the Hyderabad State eleven will be represented by the following:—S. M. Hussain (Capt.) Albera, Bharatchand, Khan na, S. R. Mehta Asadullah, Qureshi, Ghulam Ahmed, Bhoopathy, Asghar Ali, Ibrahim Khan, Ali Abbas and Kutubuddin.

THE HOLKAR STATE eleven will be represented by the following:—Lt.-Col. C. K. Nayudu (Capt.); Mushtaq Ali; M. M. Jagdale; J. N. Bhavya; B. B. Nimbalkwar; D. K. Yarde; Saleem Khan; Ishtiaq Ali; Rameshwar Pratapsingh; V. R. Ghatge and S. R. Kale.

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